



# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

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### PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON MICHIGAN CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

LANSING, MI, April 19, 2002 – Are child support amounts set in Michigan fair? Are they high, or are they too low? What consideration should second families receive when support is being set? Public input on these and other issues affecting Michigan's child support guidelines are being sought through a web-based survey created by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). SCAO has contracted with Policy Studies Inc. of Denver, Colorado to assist with this effort.

Whether someone likes or dislikes Michigan's child support guidelines, everyone – members of the public, attorneys, judges, and court staff – needs to express their opinions. It is important to have a large number of responses. The results could affect amounts of child support in orders and recommendations made throughout Michigan.

To comment, please go to <http://www.childsupportsurvey.com> to complete the survey online, or print a copy of the survey at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/scao/features/initiatives/current.htm#publicsurvey> to return by mail. Responses are due by May 15, 2002. Free copies of the Michigan child support manual and calculation software are available at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/scao/services/focb/focb.htm>.

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